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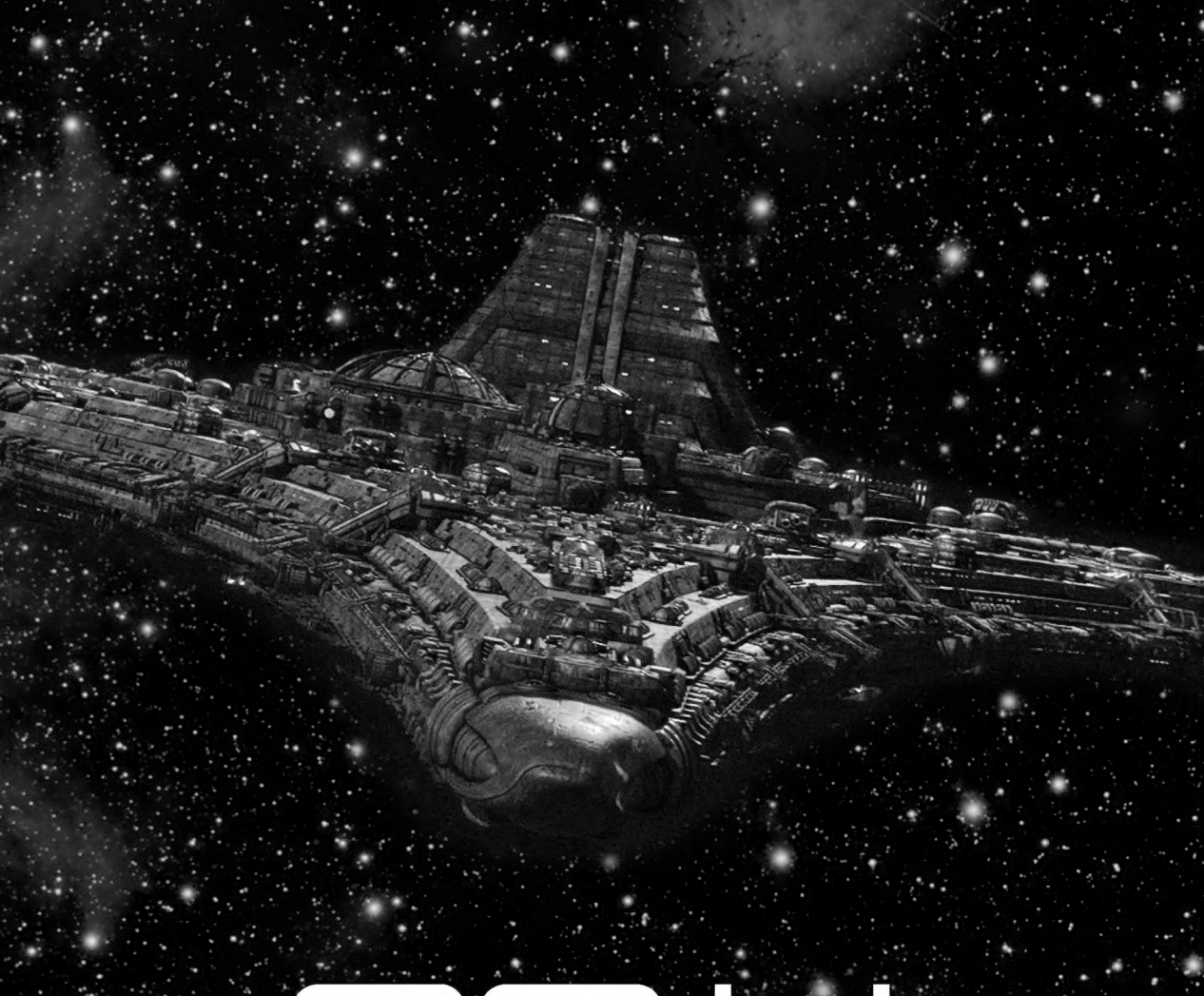

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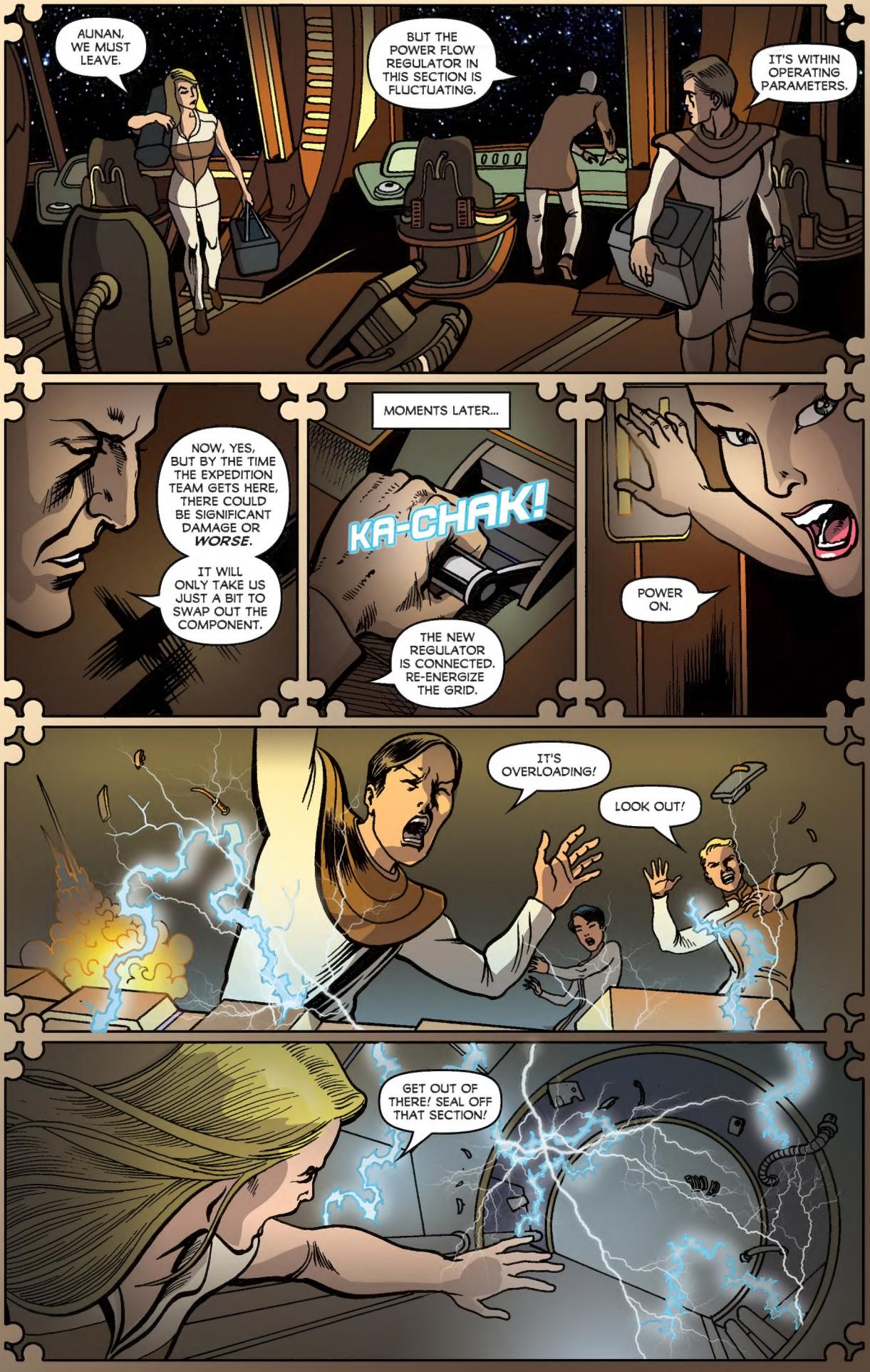
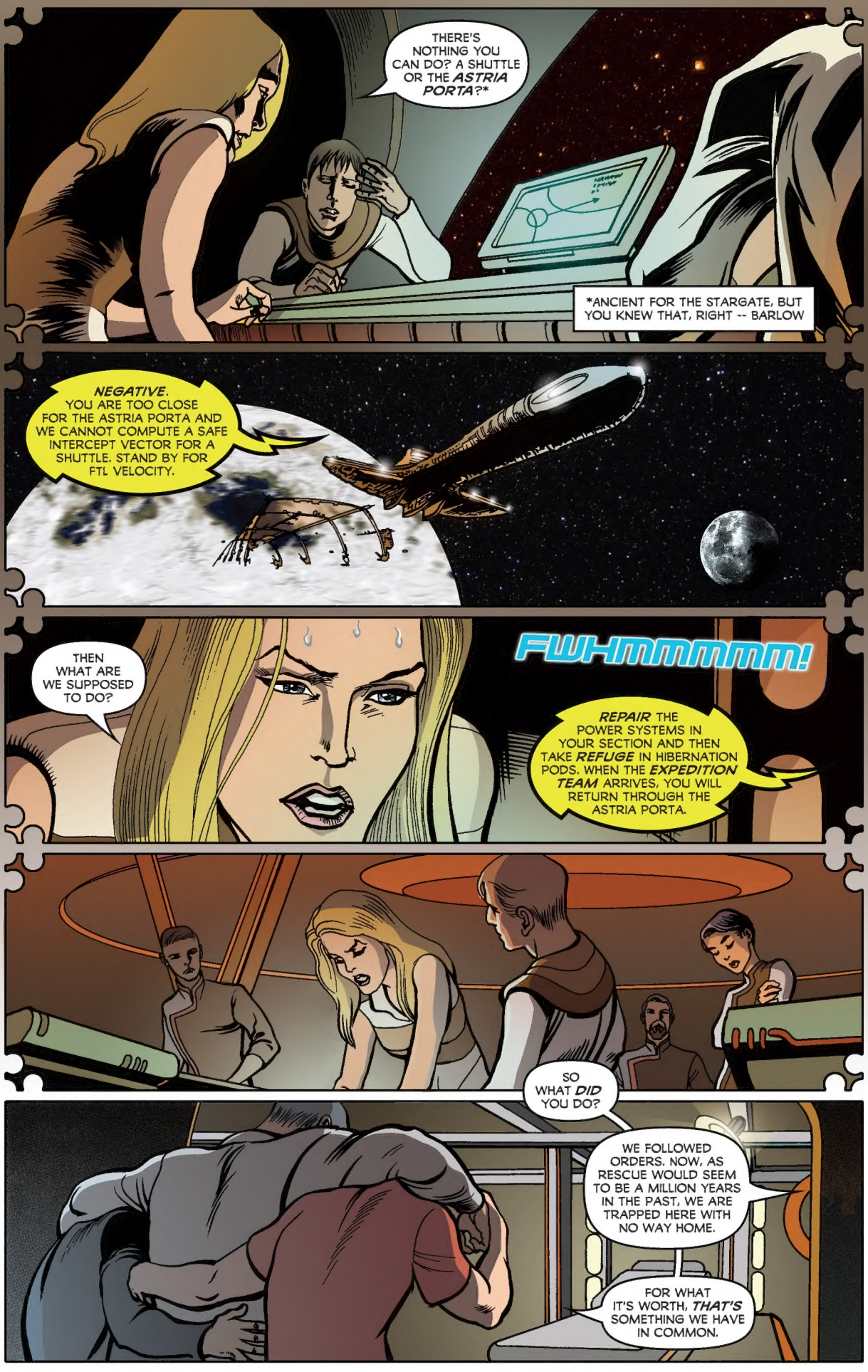
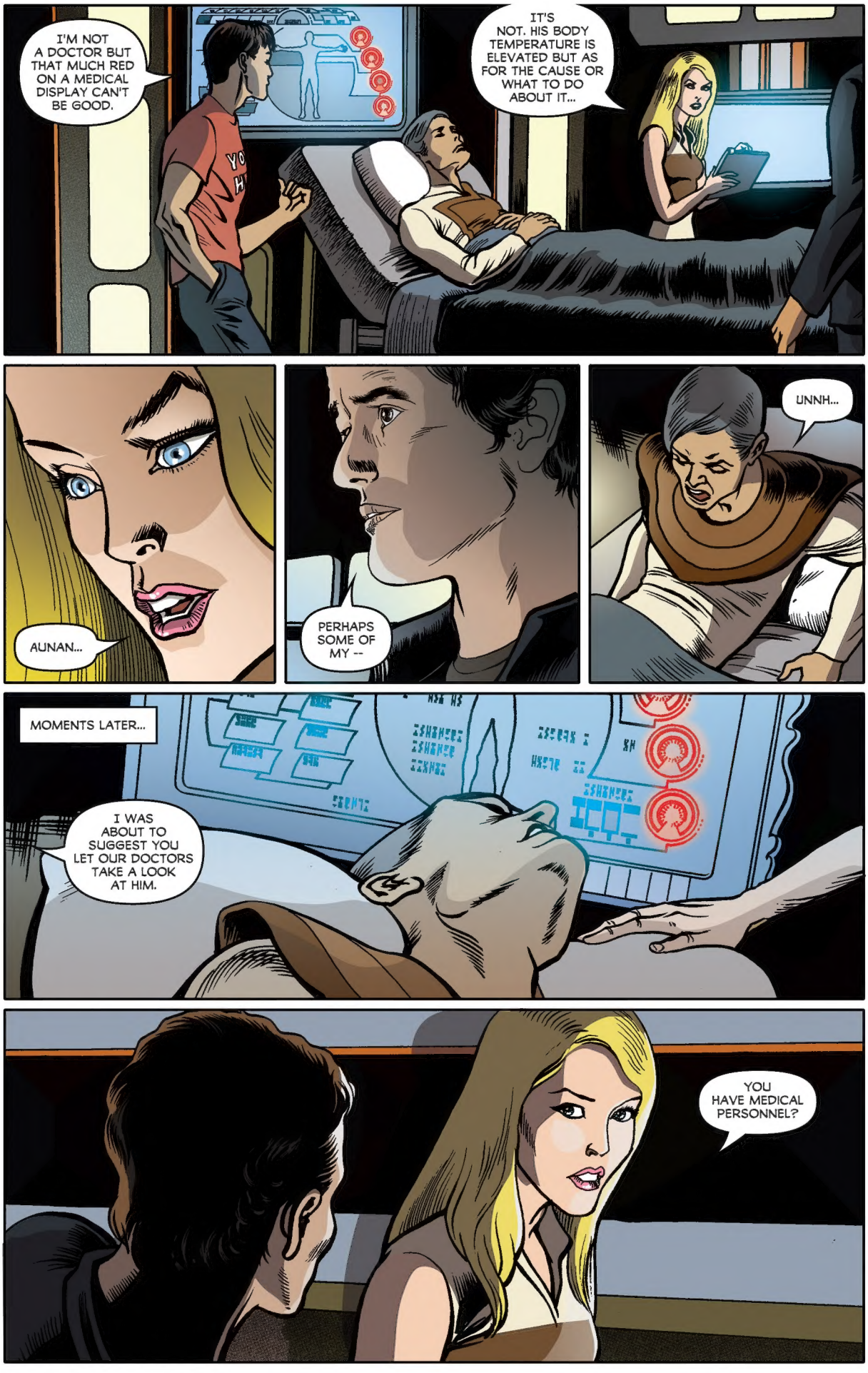
DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M SAYING? WE'RE BLEEDING ENERGY AND WE--
I UNDERSTAND YOU. YOUR LANGUAGE WAS EASY TO LEARN --
IN LIKE 30 SECONDS?
I'M STILL WAITING FOR AN ANSWER TO MY ORIGINAL QUESTION. WHO ARE YOU AND WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
FINE. I'LL TELL YOU EVERYTHING BUT GET YOUR MAN TO START POWERING DOWN NON-ESSENTIAL SYSTEMS OR IT WON'T MATTER BECAUSE WE'LL ALL BE DEAD.
AUNAN, DO AS HE SAYS.

WE'RE HERE BY ACCIDENT. WE WERE ATTEMPTING TO DIAL A NINE SYMBOL ADDRESS FOUND IN THE ATLANTIS DATABASE BUT WE DIDN'T KNOW --
ATLANTIS? YOU'VE BEEN THERE?
YOUNG
YOU
NO, BUT OUR PEOPLE HAVE. YOU'VE HEARD OF IT?
YES. THE CITY SHIPS WERE IN THE EARLY DESIGN STAGE WHEN THIS VESSEL WAS LAUNCHED. THEY WERE COMPETING PROJECTS WITH THE SAME MISSION.
UH, COLONEL...
THAT GUY DOESN'T LOOK SO GOOD...
YOU ARE HERE
IRNAS!

THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO FOR HIM HERE. WE MUST GET HIM TO THE MEDICAL BAY.
YOU TWO. HELP US CARRY HIM.
YOU MENTIONED YOUR MISSION? WHAT WAS IT...?
I'M SORRY. I DON'T KNOW YOUR NAME.
YOU ARE HERE
VASI. MY NAME IS VASI. IT WAS NOT OUR MISSION. WE ARE ENGINEERS, NOT EXPLORERS.
EARTH ORBIT. APPROXIMATELY ONE MILLION YEARS AGO...
ALL TEAMS, DISEMBARK NOW. AUTOMATED LAUNCH SEQUENCE HAS LOCKED IN AND CANNOT BE ABORTED.


AUNAN, WE MUST LEAVE.
BUT THE POWER FLOW REGULATOR IN THIS SECTION IS FLUCTUATING.
IT'S WITHIN OPERATING PARAMETERS.
NOW, YES, BUT BY THE TIME THE EXPEDITION TEAM GETS HERE, THERE COULD BE SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE OR WORSE.
IT WILL ONLY TAKE US JUST A BIT TO SWAP OUT THE COMPONENT.
MOMENTS LATER...
KA-CHAK!
THE NEW REGULATOR IS CONNECTED. RE-ENERGIZE THE GRID.
POWER ON.
IT'S OVERLOADING!
LOOK OUT!
GET OUT OF THERE! SEAL OFF THAT SECTION!


THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO? A SHUTTLE OR THE *ASTRIA PORTA*?*
*ANCIENT FOR THE STARGATE, BUT YOU KNEW THAT, RIGHT -- BARLOW
NEGATIVE. YOU ARE TOO CLOSE FOR THE ASTRIA PORTA AND WE CANNOT COMPUTE A SAFE INTERCEPT VECTOR FOR A SHUTTLE. STAND BY FOR FTL VELOCITY.
THEN WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO?
FWHMMMMM!
REPAIR THE POWER SYSTEMS IN YOUR SECTION AND THEN TAKE *REFUGE* IN HIBERNATION PODS. WHEN THE *EXPEDITION TEAM* ARRIVES, YOU WILL RETURN THROUGH THE ASTRIA PORTA.
SO WHAT *DID* YOU DO?
WE FOLLOWED ORDERS. NOW, AS RESCUE WOULD SEEM TO BE A MILLION YEARS IN THE PAST, WE ARE TRAPPED HERE WITH NO WAY HOME.
FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH, *THAT'S* SOMETHING WE HAVE IN COMMON.


I'M NOT A DOCTOR BUT THAT MUCH RED ON A MEDICAL DISPLAY CAN'T BE GOOD.
IT'S NOT. HIS BODY TEMPERATURE IS ELEVATED BUT AS FOR THE CAUSE OR WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT...
AUNAN...
PERHAPS SOME OF MY --
UNNH...
MOMENTS LATER...
I WAS ABOUT TO SUGGEST YOU LET OUR DOCTORS TAKE A LOOK AT HIM.
YOU HAVE MEDICAL PERSONNEL?

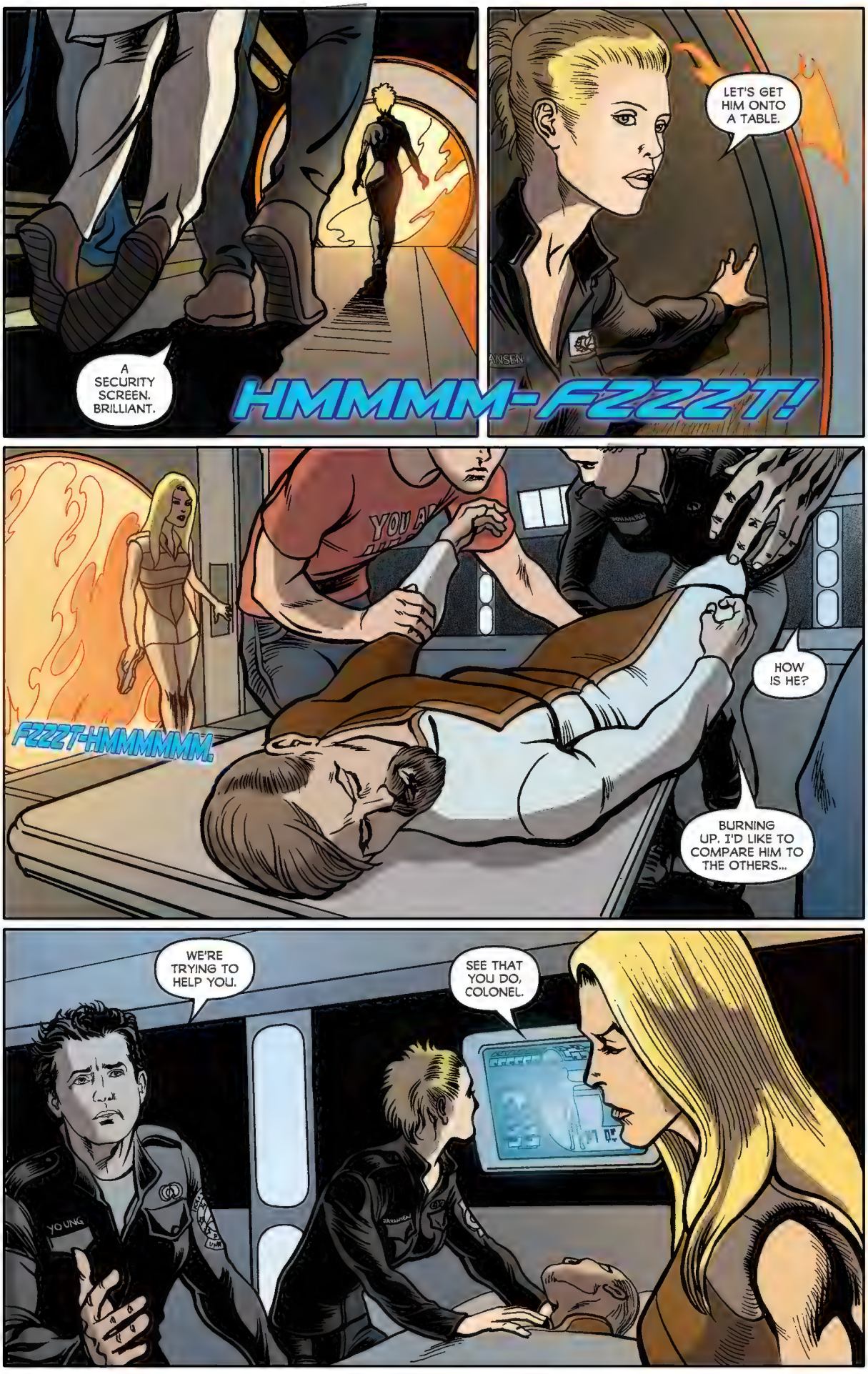
WE DO. ELI, PLEASE GO REVIVE DOCTORS TAMRA JOHANSEN, NICOLAS RUSH, AND LUCIAN SCOTT.
LUCIAN? COLONEL --
QUICKLY, ELI. LIVES ARE AT STAKE.
JOTA, GO WITH HIM.
YOU ARE HERE
HMMMMM
WE'RE ON THE SAME SIDE HERE.
THAT REMAINS TO BE SEEN, COLONEL.

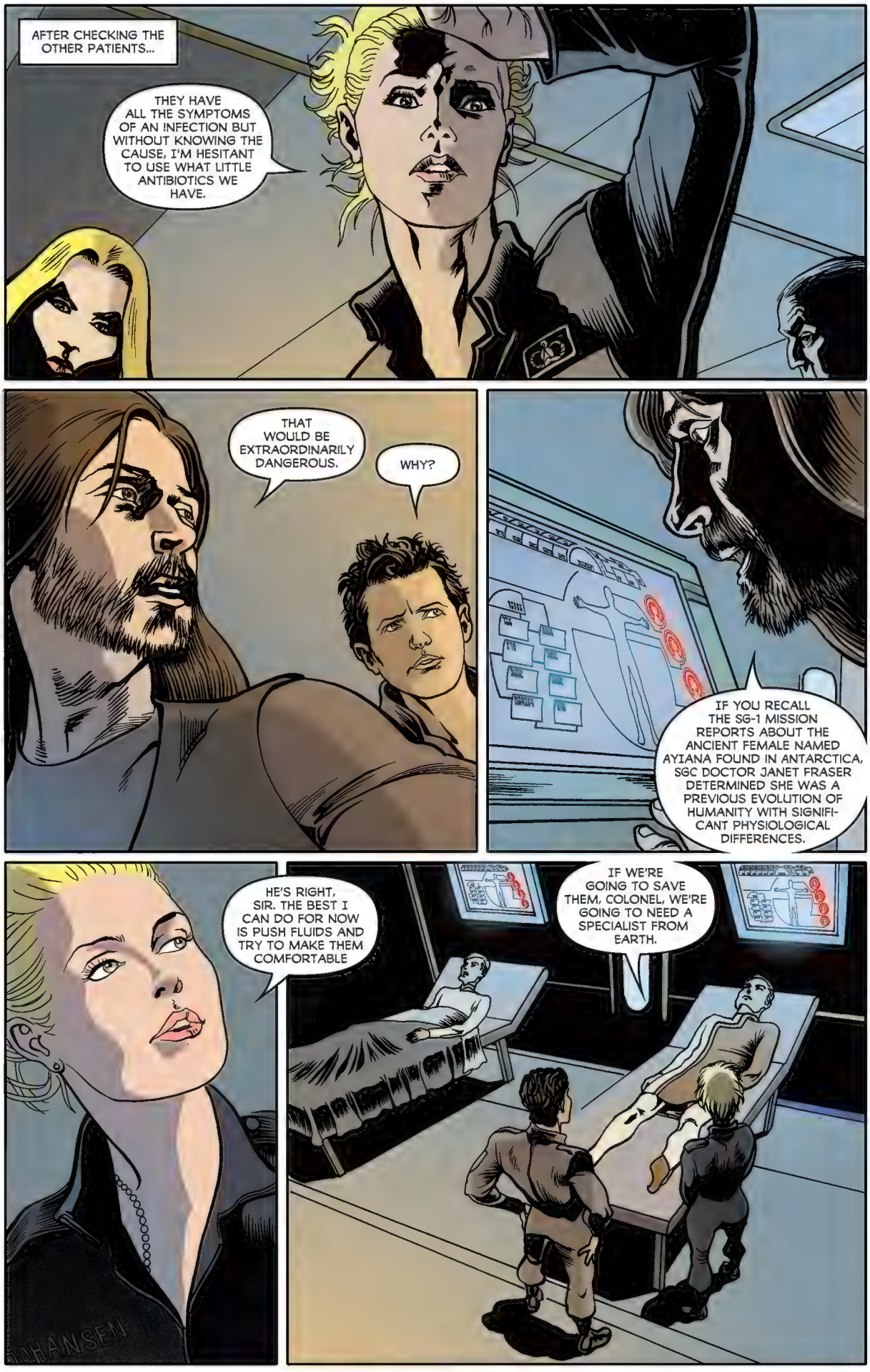
WELCOME BACK, DOCTOR RUSH.
MOVING ON TO DOCTOR JOHANSEN.
YOU ARE HERE
DOCTOR JOHANSEN? ELI, WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
JUST A MINUTE. OUR POSITION -- ELI, WHY AREN'T WE IN THE NEXT GALAXY?
AND FINALLY, LUCIAN SCOTT.
YOU ARE HERE
LUCIAN? ELI, WHAT'S--
YEAH, LUCIAN, WE, AH, WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH ONE OF OUR GUESTS WHO'S NOT FEELING WELL.
LEAD THE WAY.

OOOF!
KRACKKK!
ELI, WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON? WHO IS THIS GUY?
SCOTT
IT'S A LONG STORY BUT I... I FOUND THEM.
FOUND THEM? FOUND WHO? WHERE?
HERE. ON DESTINY. THEY WERE --
YOU AR
GUYS, HE'S BURNING UP. WE HAVE TO GET HIM TO THE INFIRMARY. NOW.
JOHANSEN

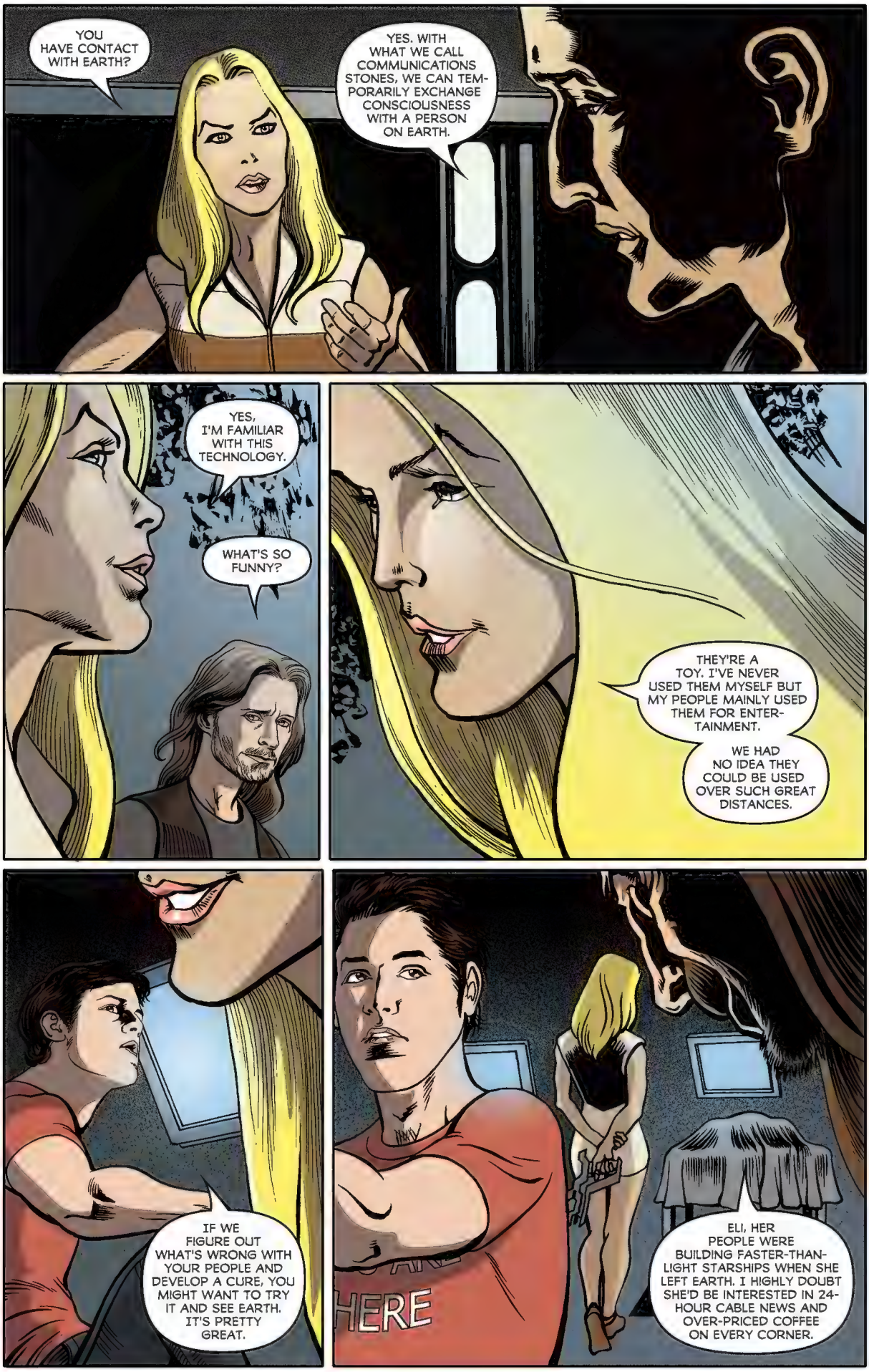
ELI, WHO THE HELL IS HE?!?
HE'S AN ANCIENT, OKAY?!? HE'S BEEN ON DESTINY SINCE IT WAS LAUNCHED.
THERE'S AT LEAST THREE MORE OF THEM IN THE INFIRMARY. TWO OTHERS ARE RUNNING FEVERS, TOO, AND THEIR LEADER IS HOLDING COLONEL YOUNG.
WHERE DID YOU FIND THEM? THEY --
WE CAN WORRY ABOUT THE DETAILS LATER, RUSH. RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE TO HELP THE COLONEL.
LIEUTENANT, WHAT WE NEED TO DO IS MAKE SURE THIS MAN AND HIS COMPANIONS SURVIVE AT ALL COSTS. OUR LIVES, AND THE ABILITY TO GET HOME, MAY WELL DEPEND UPON IT.

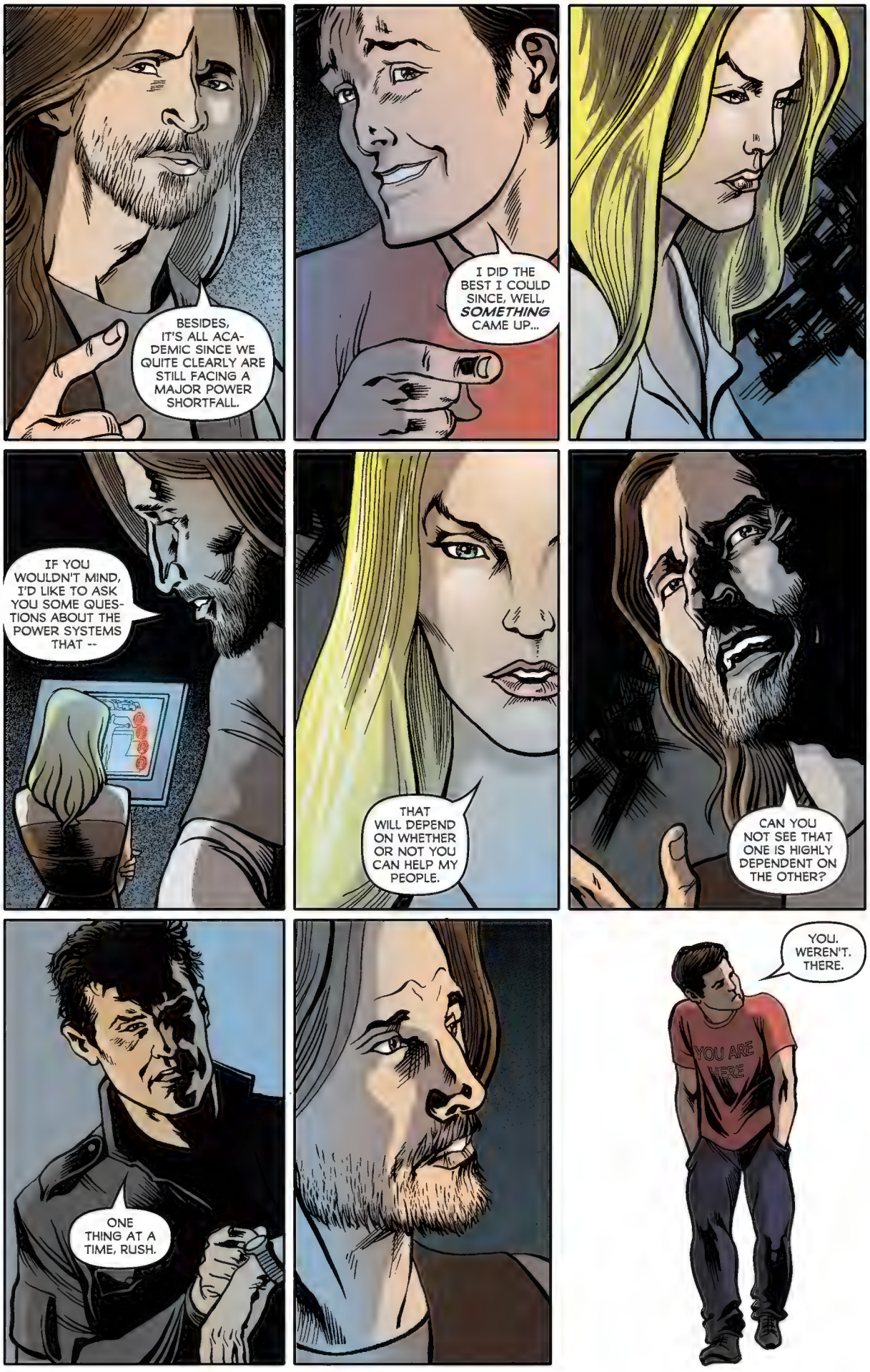
LOOK, RUSH, COLONEL YOUNG CALLED ME LUCIAN. THAT'S OUR CODE FOR A FOOTHOLD SITUATION ON DESTINY. WE THOUGHT IT UP AFTER THE LUCIAN ALLIANCE MADE THEIR ATTEMPT.
WE DON'T KNOW THAT'S WHAT THEY WANT, LIEUTENANT.
I'M NOT READY TO TAKE THAT CHANCE.
TJ, YOU, ELI, AND RUSH, GET THIS GUY BACK TO THE INFIRMARY. BUY ME SOME TIME TO GET A TEAM TOGETHER.
SCOTT
GOOD LUCK, MATT.
WE'LL BE RIGHT BEHIND YOU.
ELI, WHICH BUTTON OPENS THESE THINGS AGAIN?


A SECURITY SCREEN. BRILLIANT.
HMMMM-FZZZT!
LET'S GET HIM ONTO A TABLE.
ANSEN
FZZZT-HMMMMMM.
HOW IS HE?
BURNING UP. I'D LIKE TO COMPARE HIM TO THE OTHERS...
WE'RE TRYING TO HELP YOU.
SEE THAT YOU DO, COLONEL.
YOUNG


AFTER CHECKING THE OTHER PATIENTS...
THEY HAVE ALL THE SYMPTOMS OF AN INFECTION BUT WITHOUT KNOWING THE CAUSE, I'M HESITANT TO USE WHAT LITTLE ANTIBIOTICS WE HAVE.
THAT WOULD BE EXTRAORDINARILY DANGEROUS.
WHY?
IF YOU RECALL THE SG-1 MISSION REPORTS ABOUT THE ANCIENT FEMALE NAMED AYIANA FOUND IN ANTARCTICA, SGC DOCTOR JANET FRASER DETERMINED SHE WAS A PREVIOUS EVOLUTION OF HUMANITY WITH SIGNIFICANT PHYSIOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES.
HE'S RIGHT, SIR. THE BEST I CAN DO FOR NOW IS PUSH FLUIDS AND TRY TO MAKE THEM COMFORTABLE
IF WE'RE GOING TO SAVE THEM, COLONEL, WE'RE GOING TO NEED A SPECIALIST FROM EARTH.
HANSEN

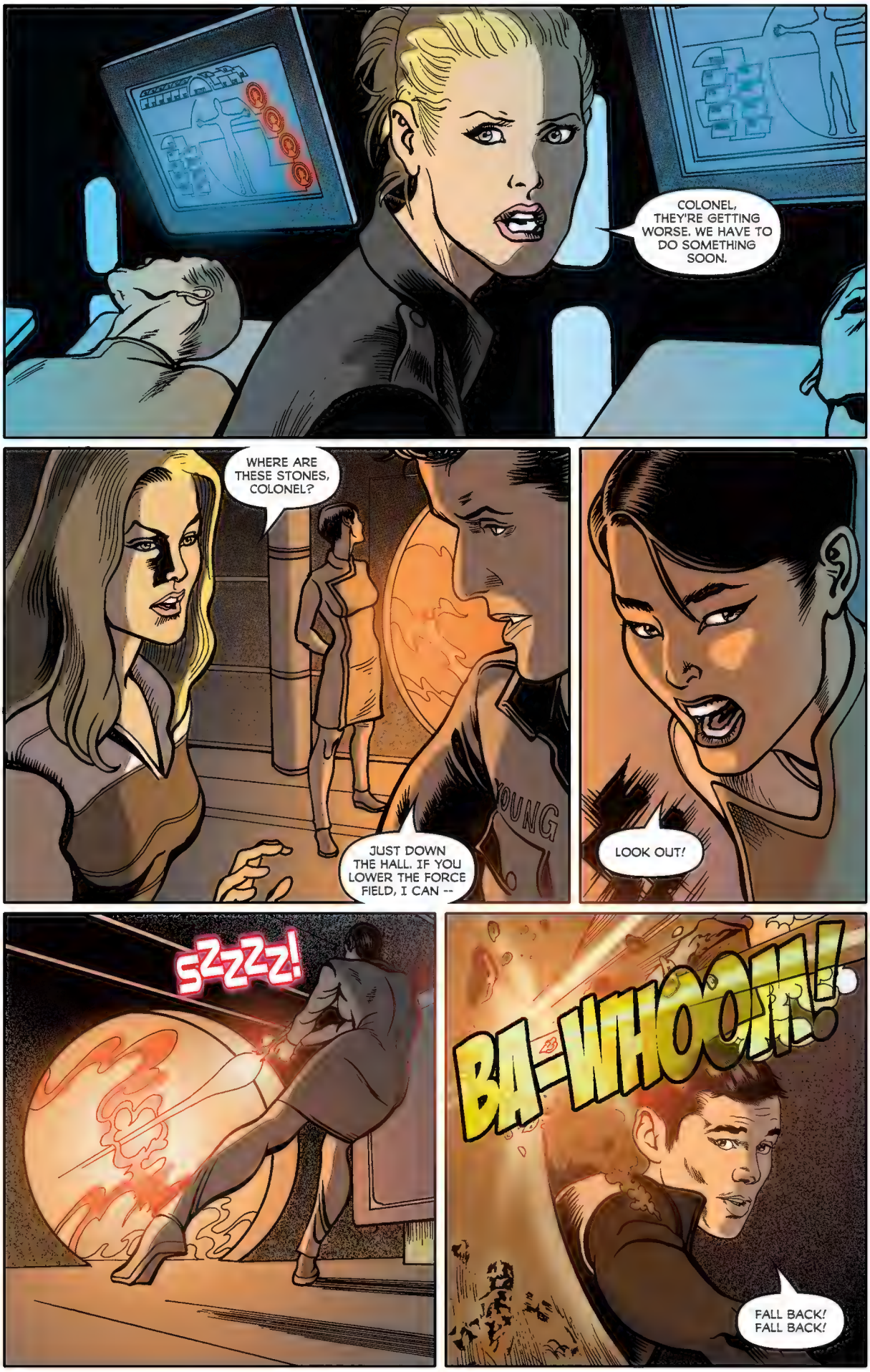
EVERYBODY READY? WE MOVE IN FIVE.
SO YOU'RE SAYING THE FOLKS HOLDING THE COLONEL AND OUR PEOPLE MAY HAVE ACTUALLY BUILT THIS SHIP?
ELI SEEMS TO THINK SO.
KA-CHAK!
GOOD. I GOT A BONE TO PICK WITH THOSE PEOPLE.
DO YOU BLAME THEM FOR BEING TRAPPED HERE, SERGEANT?
NO, I BLAME THEM FOR THAT HARD-AS-A-ROCK BED I GOT TO SLEEP IN.


YOU HAVE CONTACT WITH EARTH?
YES. WITH WHAT WE CALL COMMUNICATIONS STONES, WE CAN TEMPORARILY EXCHANGE CONSCIOUSNESS WITH A PERSON ON EARTH.
YES, I'M FAMILIAR WITH THIS TECHNOLOGY.
WHAT'S SO FUNNY?
THEY'RE A TOY. I'VE NEVER USED THEM MYSELF BUT MY PEOPLE MAINLY USED THEM FOR ENTERTAINMENT.
WE HAD NO IDEA THEY COULD BE USED OVER SUCH GREAT DISTANCES.
IF WE FIGURE OUT WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOUR PEOPLE AND DEVELOP A CURE, YOU MIGHT WANT TO TRY IT AND SEE EARTH. IT'S PRETTY GREAT.
HERE
ELI, HER PEOPLE WERE BUILDING FASTER-THAN-LIGHT STARSHIPS WHEN SHE LEFT EARTH. I HIGHLY DOUBT SHE'D BE INTERESTED IN 24-HOUR CABLE NEWS AND OVER-PRICED COFFEE ON EVERY CORNER.


BESIDES, IT'S ALL ACADEMIC SINCE WE QUITE CLEARLY ARE STILL FACING A MAJOR POWER SHORTFALL.
I DID THE BEST I COULD SINCE, WELL, *SOMETHING* CAME UP...
IF YOU WOULDN'T MIND, I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT THE POWER SYSTEMS THAT --
THAT WILL DEPEND ON WHETHER OR NOT YOU CAN HELP MY PEOPLE.
CAN YOU NOT SEE THAT ONE IS HIGHLY DEPENDENT ON THE OTHER?
ONE THING AT A TIME, RUSH.
YOU. WEREN'T. THERE.
YOU ARE HERE

WE GOT A PROBLEM, SIR.
GET BACK DOWN TO THE HIBERNATION BAY AND FIND BRODY AND VOLKER. WE NEED THEM UP HERE IF WE'RE GOING TO GET THAT FORCE FIELD DOWN.
RIGHT AWAY, LIEUTENANT.

THAT WASN'T SO BAD.
ARE WE THERE YET?
NOT EXACTLY. LIEUTENANT SCOTT NEEDS YOUR HELP WITH THE FORCE FIELD.
I'M SORRY, WHAT? WHAT'S GOING ON?
OF COURSE HE NEEDS OUR HELP.


COLONEL, THEY'RE GETTING WORSE. WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING SOON.
WHERE ARE THESE STONES, COLONEL?
JUST DOWN THE HALL. IF YOU LOWER THE FORCE FIELD, I CAN --
LOOK OUT!
SZZZZ!
BA-WHOOM!!
FALL BACK! FALL BACK!

KA-ZANG!
KA-ZANG!
FZZZAT!
FZZZAT!
KA-ZANG!
SGT. GREER, WE HAVE TO FALL BACK!
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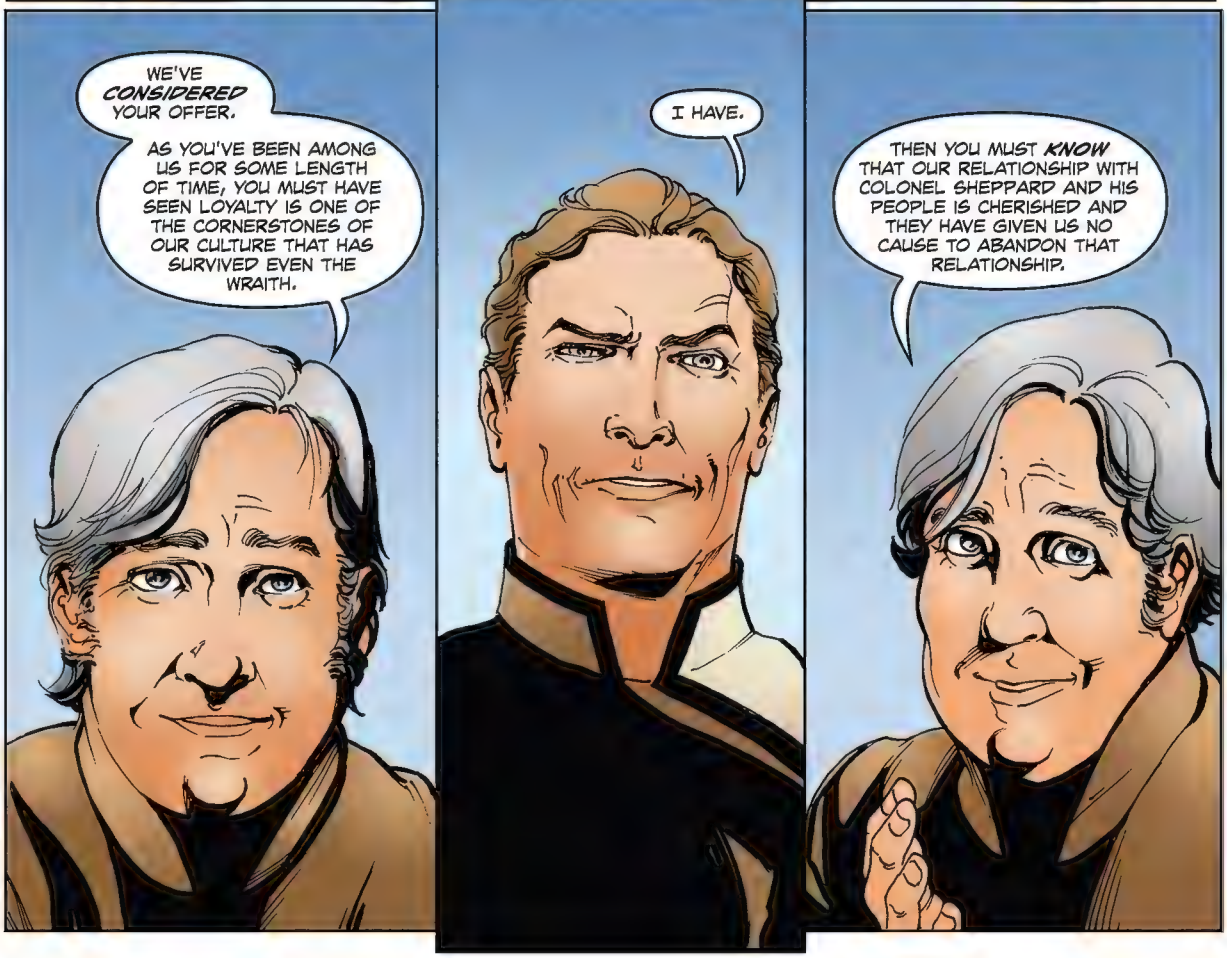
YOU MEAN THAT'S IT?
FOR NOW, YES.
IF JANUS IS TRYING TO INJURE COLONEL SHEPPARD, THIS SEEMS A RATHER INDIRECT WAY TO DO THAT.
PERHAPS HE TRULY IS DOING THIS TO HELP THE HUMANS OF THIS GALAXY...

I'D LIKE TO BELIEVE THAT, BUT BASED ON SHEN'S DIAGNOSIS I THINK IT'S *SAFE* TO SAY JANUS *ISN'T* DOING THIS OUT OF THE GOODNESS OF HIS HEART.
WHO CARES WHY HE'S DOING IT. LET'S JUST TAKE HIM OUT.
THAT *MIGHT* HAVE BEEN AN OPTION *BEFORE* THE COUNCIL WAS ESTABLISHED,
BUT IF WE'RE GOING TO BE PART OF THIS GALAXY WE HAVE TO PLAY BY THEIR RULES.
THEN WE NEED TO GET *PROOF* OF WHAT HE'S DOING AND GET IT BACK HERE.
AND THAT'S *PRECISELY* WHAT I WANT YOU AND YOUR TEAM TO DO.
GO BACK TO EVERY PLANET, SETTLEMENT, AND ENCAMPMENT THAT ALL OF THE SUDDEN DOESN'T NEED OUR HELP AND SEE WHAT YOU CAN FIND OUT.
ANCIENT OR NOT, HE'S GOING TO MAKE A *MISTAKE* AT SOME POINT. AND WHEN HE DOES, I WANT YOU *THERE*.
WE'RE ON IT.

NAGASAMIR.
YOU ARE MAKING A BIG MISTAKE. THE WRAITH ARE FRAGMENTED BUT NOT ELIMINATED. IF THEY COME BACK --
THEY WON'T BE BACK ANY TIME SOON AND EVEN IF THEY DID, OUR FRIENDS ON ATLANTIS HAVE NEVER FAILED TO ASSIST WHEN WE NEEDED THEM.

GENTLEMEN, I HOPE I'M NOT INTERRUPTING ANYTHING.


WE'VE CONSIDERED YOUR OFFER.
AS YOU'VE BEEN AMONG US FOR SOME LENGTH OF TIME, YOU MUST HAVE SEEN LOYALTY IS ONE OF THE CORNERSTONES OF OUR CULTURE THAT HAS SURVIVED EVEN THE WRAITH.
I HAVE.
THEN YOU MUST KNOW THAT OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH COLONEL SHEPPARD AND HIS PEOPLE IS CHERISHED AND THEY HAVE GIVEN US NO CAUSE TO ABANDON THAT RELATIONSHIP.

WE HOPE YOU UNDERSTAND JUST AS WE UNDERSTAND THAT YOU MAY WISH TO WITHDRAW THE AMAZING GIFTS --
NOT AT ALL. AS YOU SAY, THEY ARE GIFTS THAT YOU WILL USE IN GOOD HEALTH AS LONG AS YOU ARE ABLE.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.
IF THAT IS YOUR DECISION, I MUST RESPECT IT AND BE ON MY WAY.
MY FRIENDS WILL STAY ON UNTIL THEY FINISH THEIR MAJOR PROJECTS AND THEN YOU WILL BE FREE TO TAKE IT FROM THERE.
THERE, YOU SEE, OLD FRIEND? NOW, LET US MAKE PLANS FOR THE FUTURE!

NAGASAMIR.
KRAKABADOOM!!

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